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Dear Ms Petrusma

CONSTITUENCY QUESTION – Cyber Security

I write in response to your question to me about cyber security posture in Tasmania and investments being made to enhance capability and resilience.

Cyber-attacks continue to increase in frequency, scale, sophistication, and severity. The Tasmanian Government cyber security team remains hypervigilant to the continued nature of threats and has a process in place for when an incident is identified.

The Tasmanian Government has a cyber security team within Digital Strategy and Services (DSS) that provides a coordinated approach to managing cyber security resilience and delivers whole of government cyber security services for the Tasmanian Government.

The recently completed four-year Tasmanian Government Cyber Uplift Program, an investment \$4.9 million of funding, produced important initiatives such as cyber awareness training, cyber incident response capability and capacity building, proactive vulnerability scanning of publicly access websites and initiatives, cyber maturity uplift for agencies.

To sustain current levels of whole of government cyber security we are investing an additional \$400,000 as part of the 2024-25 Budget. Other investments have included cyber workforce capability development focused skills profiling, analysis and developmental plans of the current workforce; establishing talent pipelines for cyber students and graduates from diverse backgrounds; and establishing a Digital Careers campaign in the community.

We are now coordinating the delivery of the Cyber Hubs initiative through the \$3.3 million committed in 2023-24 and a further \$900,000 in 2024-25 to establish a new whole of government model for cyber security across to bolster Tasmania's cyber defences.

The Cyber Hubs initiative is a critical initiative identified in the Tasmanian Government digital transformation strategy (Our Digital Future). The initiative aims to maximise investments in cyber security, increase visibility of cyber risks for government, and improve cyber security pathways to attract and retain capabilities.

While the benefits of technology make our lives more convenient, productive, healthier and better generally, there will always remain cyber threats. For this precise reason the government has the right mix of expertise, processes and prioritising to remain cybersafe.

I hope you find this answer informative.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Ogilvie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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